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SUBJECT: U.S. POLICY TOWARD ECUADOR

REF: QUITO 8883 AND 0004

1. THE PRESIDENT IS EXPECTED TO SIGN TRADE ACT FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JAN 3. THERE FOLLOWS TENTATIVE DRAFT OF REMARKS HE IS EXPECTED TO MAKE AT TIME OF SIGNING:

QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES NOW JOINS ALL OF THE MAJOR INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES THROUGH THIS LEGISLATION IN A SYSTEM OF TARIFF PREFERENCES FOR IMPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

THERE ARE IN THIS ACT CERTAIN PROVISIONS WHICH VARY SOME-CONFIDENTIAL

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WHAT FROM LANGUAGE WE WOULD PREFER. HOWEVER, IN THE

SPIRIT OF COOPERATION WITH THE CONGRESS WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO THE MANAGEMENT OF THESE AUTHORITIES, I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING OUT WITH THE CONGRESS ANY NECESSARY ACCOMMODATION. UNQUOTE.

- 2. IF THE PRESIDENT'S ACTUAL REMARKS DEVIATE SUBSTANTIALLY FROM THE ABOVE WE WILL INFORM YOU BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.
- 3. WHILE WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO YOUR INDICATING TO FON MINISTER CONTENT OF PRESIDENT'S EXPECTED REMARKS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE YOU SHOULD ENCOURAGE SPECULATION AS TO THEIR MEANING. INSTEAD WE SUGGEST YOU MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS

TO HIM:

- A. EXECUTIVE BRANCH STRONGLY OPPOSED RESTRICTIVE MEASURES WHICH WERE ADDED TO TRADE ACT BY SENATE CONCERNING GENERALIZED TARIFF PREFERENCES.
- B. WE REGRET GOE DECISION NOT TO ATTEND BUENOS AIRES MFM, A DECISION WHICH WE BELIEVE CAN ONLY SERVE TO COMPLICATE THE PROCESS OF RESOLVING OUR DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE NEW DIALOGUE.
- C. WE SINCERELY WISH TO CONTINUE OUR MUTUAL EFFORTS TO IMPROVE AND STRENGTHEN U.S.-ECUADOREAN RELATIONS, AND WE HOPE THE GOE WILL NOT LET THIS PROBLEM AFFECT OTHER ASPECTS OF OUR RELATIONS AS WE CONTINUE THIS MUTUAL ENDEAVOR. INGERSOLL

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